

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 118121

AN ORDINANCE related to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; authorizing a Get Engaged young adult position to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; and amending Section 3.14.545 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, in 2002, Ordinance 120325 established a two-year pilot program entitled Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions (Get Engaged). The program encouraged young adult participation on City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ordinance 121568 acknowledged the success of Get Engaged and made the program permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and the City seek to increase young adult participation on the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and recognize the success Get Engaged has had in placing young adults on other City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, under SMC 3.14.545 the Immigrant and Refugee Commission has two designated positions that are meant for youth, young adults under the age of 25, or individuals who represent youth issues; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that one of the youth positions on the Commission is supported by Get Engaged will simultaneously ensure their success in participating in the Commission;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: SMC 3.14.545, last amended by Ordinance 123822 in 2012, is further amended by adding a Section as follows:

3.14.545 Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission—Appointments, Membership and Terms



1 A. The Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission shall consist of 15 members. Seven
2 members shall be appointed by the City Council; and eight members shall be appointed
3 by the Mayor. All Mayoral appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority of the
4 City Council. The appointing body shall provide written public notice for a vacant
5 position(s).

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8 B. In making appointments to the Commission, the goal should be to maintain the gender
9 balance and reflect the diversity of the immigrant and refugee community in Seattle.
10 Attempts should be made to include two members from the Asian/Pacific Islander
11 Community, two members from the Latino Community, two members from the African
12 Community, and two members from the European/Middle East Community. At least, two
13 members should be youth or young adults under the age of 25 or represent youth issues.
14 At least 2/3 of the members should be immigrants and refugees themselves. All members
15 shall demonstrate experience or expertise with immigrant issues as well as commitment
16 to all immigrant and refugee communities. The Mayor and Council will coordinate
17 appointments to help achieve the representation goals in this Subsection.
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21 C. Each Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission member shall serve for a term of
22 two years. No member of the Commission shall serve more than three consecutive terms.
23 Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as originally
24 appointed. If a person is appointed to fill the duration of an unexpired term, then that term
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1 shall qualify as one of the three consecutive terms only if the portion of the unexpired
2 term actually served is one year or more.

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4 D. If the appointing authority fails to appoint or re-appoint a person to fill a Commission
5 position before the incumbent Commissioner's term has expired, then the incumbent may
6 remain in his or her position for a period not to exceed 90 days until such appointment or
7 re-appointment is made. The authority that appointed a Commissioner may remove that
8 Commissioner at will. The Commission may, by majority vote, recommend to the
9 appointing authority, removal from office of a Commissioner who is absent without
10 excuse from three Commission meetings during any one -year period. The Commission
11 shall select a chair, and may adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind administrative rules
12 and regulations for its own conduct.
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16 E. One youth commissioner shall be a designated Get Engaged commissioner, as defined
17 in Section 3.51.020, pursuant to the Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions,
18 Chapter 3.51. The Mayor, the Council, and the Director of the Office of Immigrant and
19 Refugee Affairs must make all reasonable and diligent efforts to appoint a Get Engaged,
20 Chapter 3.51, young adult to the Commission. After a showing to the Commission that all
21 reasonable and diligent efforts have resulted in not obtaining a Get Engaged, Chapter
22 3.51, young adult position, the Mayor or Council shall appoint a person who represents
23 youth issues, subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council.
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2 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the
3 Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall
4 take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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6 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and
7 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
8 ____ day of _____, 2014.

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11 President _____ of the City Council

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13 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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16 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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18 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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21 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; authorizing a Get Engaged young adult position to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; and amending Section 3.14.545 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:

Adds a "Get Engaged" Commissioner to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

Background:

Consistent with the other commissions at the city, the Immigrant and Refugee Commission ordinance needs to be amended to allow for a commissioner to be part of the "Get Engaged" program at the YMCA. The YMCA supports commissioners who are youth applicants throughout the year.

 x This legislation does not have any financial implications.

Other Implications:

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?
No.
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?
None.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

None.

e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

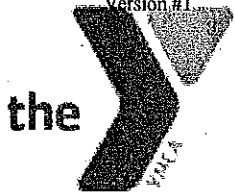
No.

h) **Other Issues:**

None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A: Letter from YMCA confirming no cost to the City for adding this position.



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

April 3, 2014

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Started in 2001, Get Engaged is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of leaders and advocating for the influence of young voices in city affairs. Get Engaged selects emerging leaders each year to serve on City of Seattle boards and commissions for a one-year term. In 2014, the Metrocenter YMCA agrees to expand the size of the Get Engaged volunteer cohort from 14 to 15 in order to add a member to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

The YMCA advocates for youth voice and young adult participation to advance the diversity and innovation of civic decision-making in Seattle. The YMCA will provide needed support for this additional volunteer position with no other expectations.

Thank you,

Jill Crisafulli
Executive Director
Metrocenter YMCA



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

June 3, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that allows for the addition of a "Get Engaged" Commissioner to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission. The amendment converts one of the existing "Youth" commissioner positions to a "Get Engaged" position, to be supported by the YMCA.

"Get Engaged" selects emerging young leaders between the ages of 18-29 each year to serve on City boards and commissions for one-year terms. The YMCA runs the program and has included a letter of agreement to add the commissioner to their cohort. "Get Engaged" commissioners participate in youth programs and share their experiences with other youth leaders in the Seattle area, thereby further expanding youth participation in all boards and commissions for the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Sahar Fathi at (206) 233-2759.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward B. Murray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

